# FLIGHT SUMMARY REPORT

Flight Number: 98-032

Calendar/Julian Date: 10 March 1998 • 069

**Sensor Package:** Wild Heerbrugg RC-10

Modis Airborne Simulator (MAS)

**Area(s) Covered:** Death Valley/Mono Lake

Investigator(s): Wan, UCSB Aircraft #: 709

#### SENSOR DATA

**Accession #:** 05244 -----

**Sensor ID** #: 031 108

Sensor Type: RC-10 MAS

Focal Length: 6" ----

153.05 mm

**Film Type:** Aerochrome IR -----

SO-134

**Filtration:** Wratten 12 + 2.2 AV -----

**Spectral Band:** 510-900 nm -----

f Stop: 8 ---

**Shutter Speed:** 1/175 -----

# of Frames: 86 -----

**% Overlap:** 60 -----

**Quality:** Fair -----

**Remarks:** Emulsion abrasion

throughout data; subtract 36 seconds from camera clock for correct UTC

# **Airborne Science and Applications Program**

The Airborne Science Branch at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, California, operates two ER-2 high altitude aircraft in support of NASA earth science research. The ER-2s are used as readily deployable high altitude sensor platforms to collect remote sensing and in situ data on earth resources, celestial phenomena, atmospheric dynamics, and oceanic processes. Additionally, these aircraft are used for electronic sensor research and development and satellite investigative support.

The ER-2s are flown from various deployment sites in support of scientific research sponsored by NASA and other federal, state, university, and industry investigators. Data are collected from deployment sites in Kansas, Texas, Virginia, Florida, and Alaska. Cooperative international scientific projects have deployed the aircraft to sites in Great Britain, Australia, Chile, and Norway.

Photographic and digital imaging sensors are flown aboard the ER-2s in support of research objectives defined by the sponsoring investigators. High resolution mapping cameras and digital multispectral imaging sensors are utilized in a variety of configurations in the ER-2s' four pressurized experiment compartments. The following provides a description of the digital multispectral sensor(s) and camera(s) used for data collection during this flight.

#### **Camera Systems**

Various camera systems and films are used for photographic data collection. Film types include high definition color infrared, natural color, and black and white emulsions. Available photographic systems are as follows:

- Wild-Heerbrugg RC-10 metric mapping camera
  - 9 x 9 inch film format
  - 6 inch focal length lens provides area coverage of 16 x 16 nautical miles from 65,000 feet
  - 12 inch focal length lens provides area coverage of 8 x 8 nautical miles from 65,000 feet
- Hycon HR-732 large scale mapping camera
  - 9 x 18 inch film format
  - 24 inch focal length lens provides area coverage of 4 x 8 nautical miles from 65,000 feet
- IRIS II Panoramic camera
  - 4.5 x 34.7 inch film format
  - 24 inch focal length lens
  - 90 degree field of view provides area coverage of 2 x 21.4 nautical miles from 65,000 feet

The U.S. Geological Survey's EROS Data Center at Sioux Falls, South Dakota serves as the archive and product distribution facility for NASA-Ames aircraft acquired photographic and digital imagery. For information regarding photography and digital data (including areas of coverage, products, and product costs) contact EROS Data Center, Customer Services, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57198 (Telephone: 605-594-6151).

# **MODIS Airborne Simulator**

The MODIS Airborne Simulator (MAS) is a modified Daedalus multispectral scanner configured to replicate the capabilities of the Moderate-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (MODIS), an instrument to be orbited on an EOS platform. MODIS is designed for the measurement of biological and physical processes and atmospheric temperature sounding. The MODIS Airborne Simulator records fifty 16-bit channels of multispectral data and is configured as follows:

Spectral	Band center	Bandwidth	Spectral	
Channel	(µm )	(µm )	Range	
1	0.4649	0.0397	0.4451-0.4848	
2	0.5494	0.0417	0.5285-0.5703	
3	0.6550	0.0511	0.6294-0.6805	
4	0.7024	0.0415	0.6816-0.7231	
5	0.7431	0.0420	0.7221-0.7641	
6	0.8248	0.0427	0.8034-0.8461	
7	0.8667	0.0414	0.8460-0.8874	
8	0.9072	0.0409	0.8867-0.9276	
9	0.9476	0.0397	0.9277-0.9674	
10	1.6422	0.0519	1.6163-1.6682	
11	1.6975	0.0505	1.6722-1.7228	
12	1.7499	0.0506	1.7245-1.7752	
13	1.8014	0.0491	1.7768-1.8259	
14	1.8548	0.0489	1.8303-1.8792	
15	1.9044	0.0487	1.8801-1.9288	
16	1.9553	0.0483	1.9312-1.9794	
17	2.0048	0.0487	1.9804-2.0291	
18	2.0551	0.0484	2.0309-2.0793	
19	2.1037	0.0486	2.0794-2.1280	
20	2.1532	0.0483	2.1291-2.1774	
21	2.2019	0.0481	2.1779-2.2259	
22	2.2522	0.0486	2.2278-2.2675	
23	2.3021	0.0487	2.2777-2.3265	
24	2.3512	0.0476	2.3274-2.3750	
25	2.4005	0.0483	2.3764-2.4246	

Spectral	Band center	Bandwidth	Spectral
Channel	(µm )	(µm )	Range
26	3.1192	0.1616	3.0384-3.2000
27	3.2809	0.1486	3.2066-3.3552
28	3.4330	0.1617	3.3521-3.5138
29	3.5940	0.1539	3.5170-3.6709
30	3.7449	0.1449	3.6724-3.8174
31	3.9069	0.1602	3.8267-3.9870
32	4.0707	0.1554	3.9929-4.1484
33	4.1699	0.0669	4.1365-4.2034
34	4.4029	0.1255	4.3401-4.4656
35	4.5404	0.1512	4.4648-4.6160
36	4.6979	0.1591	4.6184-4.7775
37	4.8536	0.1516	4.7778-4.9294
38	5.0033	0.1468	4.9298-5.0767
39	5.1588	0.1400	5.0888-5.2288
40	5.3075	0.1327	5.2412-5.3738
41	5.3977	0.0755	5.3590-5.4365
42	8.5366	0.3950	8.3391-8.7341
43	9.7224	0.5365	9.4541-9.9906
44	10.5071	0.4579	10.278-10.736
45	11.0119	0.4710	10.776-11.247
46	11.9863	0.4196	11.776-12.196
47	12.9013	0.3763	12.713-13.089
48	13.2702	0.4584	13.041-13.500
49	13.8075	0.5347	13.540-14.075
50	14.2395	0.3775	14.051-14.428

NOTE: Bandpass centers approximate

# Sensor/Aircraft Parameters:

Spectral Bands: 50 (digitized to 16-bit resolution)

IFOV: 2.5 mrad

Ground Resolution: 163 feet (50 meter at 65,000 feet)

Swath Width: 22.9 mi/19.9 nmi (36 km)

Total Scan Angle: 85.92° Pixels/Scan Line: 716

Scan Rate: 6.25 scans/second Ground Speed: 400 kts (206 m/second)

Roll Correction: Plus or minus 3.5 degrees (approx.)

Additional information regarding ER-2 acquired photographic and digital data is available through the Aircraft Data Facility at Ames Research Center. For specific information regarding flight documentation, sensor parameters, and areas of coverage contact the Airborne Sensor Facility, NASA-Ames Research Center, Mail Stop 240-6, Moffett Field, California 94035-1000 (Telephone: 650-604-6252).

# CAMERA FLIGHT LINE DATA FLIGHT NO. 98-032

Accession # 05244

Sensor # 031

Check	Frame	Time (GMT-hr, min, sec)		Altitude, MSL	
Points	Numbers	START	END	feet/meters	Cloud Cover/Remarks
A - B	8767-8773	18:57:29	19:03:04	65000/19800	Clear
B - C	8774-8781	19:04:26	19:10:11	"	Clear
C - D	8782-8793	19:11:20	19:20:50	п	Clear; processing residue (frame 8792)
D - E	8794-8808	19:22:52	19:35:10	u	Clear; static discharge (frame 8808)
E - D	8809-8824	19:41:20	19:54:34	II	Clear
D - C	8825-8836	19:56:17	20:05:46	п	Clear
С - В	8837-8844	20:06:59	20:12:42	п	Clear; oblique (frame 8844)
B - A	8845-8852	20:13:05	20:19:40	п	Clear



